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the specification (including at least one claim) and drawing(s) (if any) of which are attached hereto.

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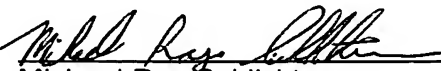
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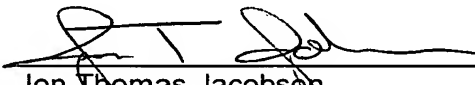
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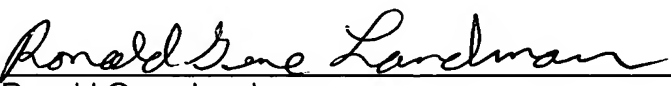
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